

Cat and Dog Theology: Lesson 8 Outline:

One Sentence Summary: God has great pleasure in what He created in heaven and on earth.

A. Outline

- a. Introduction
 - i. Bob tells a story about building a desk. He loved being creative designing the desk and it brought him joy.
 - ii. God must have had great joy in making creation.
- b. Body
 - i. Bob says most evangelicals don't get excited about the Bible until Genesis chapter 3 because mankind sins and we have something to live for; to rescue people from hell. We non-verbally communicate that the Bible is really all about us.
 - ii. Colossians 1:16 says, "All things were created by Him and for Him."
 1. Cats miss this point. Cats ask "What do I get?"
 2. Dogs know that all things were created for God: everything, the stars, clouds, grass, fish, mountains... everything. Dogs ask "What does God get out of creation?"
 - iii. God thought of all kinds of questions before he created such as:
 1. Will things be purely spiritual or will they be material?
 2. Will all things be alike or different? Should they be big or small, liquid or solid, light or dark, etc.? God must have had a blast thinking up all these questions and many more.
 3. God created the heavens and the earth, so one of His decisions was to think big such as:
 - a. Our sun is one star in the Milky Way galaxy. The next nearest star to us is 4.2 light years away...
 - b. Our galaxy contains at least 200 billion stars and is 100,000 light years in diameter.
 - c. There are between 200-300 billion galaxies.
 4. God also created small things such as
 - a. 90-99% of the universe is hydrogen and it is made up of atoms. Atoms are 0.000000001 meters across (one billionth of a meter)
 - b. A hydrogen atom is made up of a proton and electron and a proton is 1/one hundredth of an atom and an electron is 1/one hundred millionth of an atom. This is very small.
 - iv. God, wanting to show off His glory, thought both big and small. God also enjoys seeing His creativity. Everything was created for Him, not for us.
 - v. In Genesis 1:9-10, God created the dry land and the seas, with great joy.
 1. Oceans occupy nearly 71% of our planet's surface.
 2. More than 97% of all our planet's water is contained in the ocean.
 3. The oceans provide 99% of the Earth's living space and less than 10% of this living space has been explored by humans.
 4. In one small drop of water, there are thousands of small creatures called Paramecium. They have 20 different sex types and multiply every 3 hours.
 - vi. In Genesis 1:20, God created living creatures in the water. What fun He must have had creating and coloring the fish.

1. God had fun creating jelly fish, sea horses that have the male carry the babies,
 - vii. God created many animals, trees, and creatures of intricate designs and with joy and they are all to His glory.
 - viii. God's glory has been put on display all around us and God is having a blast watching it all perform exactly as He designed it.
 - ix. Psalm 104:31 says, "May the glory of the Lord continue forever! The Lord takes pleasure in all He has made.."
- c. Conclusion
- i. The Lord takes pleasure in all He has made. That is why at the end of each day in creation he said, "It is very good."
 - ii. We too can have joy in the works of God's hands.
 - iii. Life is not about us, it is about God.